

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

Eugenia WANG

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Examiner:

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NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS

Mail Stop AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 December 20, 2005

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Appeals from the decision dated December 12, 2005 of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting claims 34-36, 38-40, and 42-54.

The enclosed document is being transmitted via the certificate of mailing provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.8.

The Government fee for filing this Notice of Appeal is enclosed.

Applicants respectfully petition for a three (3) month extension of time for filing the Notice of Appeal in connection with the present application. A Reply to the Final Office Action of June 20, 2005 was mailed on August 22, 2005 (Monday). Pursuant to the shortened statutory

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period reply procedures, the extension of time fee is calculated from the mailing date of the Advisory Action. The Advisory Action was mailed on December 12, 2005. Therefore the extension of time fee is \$60.00.

Form PTO-2038 in the amount of \$310.00 is enclosed to cover the petition fee and extension fee.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with the filing to Deposit Account 50-2752.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this correspondence, or the Application in general, she is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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